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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Outline of Proposed Military Estimate

NIE 11-3-70: SOVIET STRATEGIC DEFENSES

NOTE

This Estimate assesses the strength and capabilities of Soviet strategic air, missile, and antisubmarine defense forces, estimates their size and composition through mid-1975, and forecasts general trends thereafter.

FOREWORD

This paper differs from previous estimates in the NIE 11-3 series in that it includes a section on antisubmarine warfare (ASW). It is included because ASW, like the other systems treated in this

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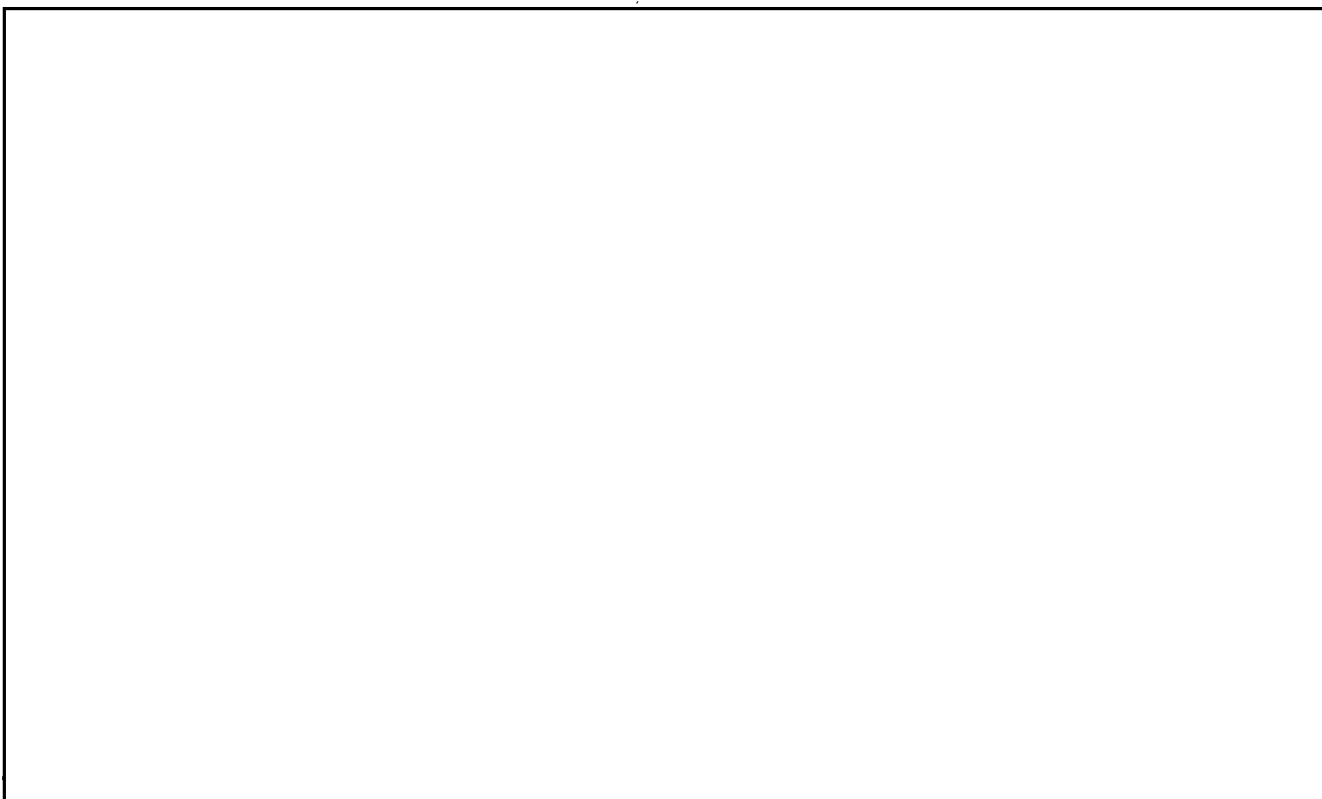
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estimate, provides a defense against a major strategic threat to Soviet territory. The ASW problem formerly was addressed in the NIE 11-14 series.

The only force considered in this paper which might be affected by a strategic arms limitation agreement is ABM. The paper will take into account pertinent developments at the SALT talks.

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DISCUSSION



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